

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
January 7, 2015
COURTHOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, WV 25840

MEMBERS Present: Denise Scalph, Matthew Wender, John H. Lopez

The Fayette County Commission met for a regular meeting on this 7th day of January 2015.

President Scalph called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Commissioner Lopez motioned to appoint Denise A. Scalph as president for 2015. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Wender motioned to name John H. Lopez as purchasing agent and Stephanie Sears, Debbie Berry, Earl Pauley, Joe Crist and Theresa White as assistant purchasing agents. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Danny Wright, Circuit Clerk, swore President Scalph in for 2015.

Commissioner Wender motioned to adopt the meeting schedule for 2015. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision. (Copy of order attached.)

Eddie Young, Assessor, presented exonerations for real property for Brandon Seward \$86.66; Gerald L. Walker \$169.10; Matthew A. Wriston and Lynda Pack \$404.28; Joseph R. Bray and Anita Ennis \$182.16. Commissioner Wender motioned to accept the exonerations. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve vouchers and invoices and release checks today and approved 1st half payroll to be released on the 15th. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Norma Williams presented the keys to the ballot cans for early voting for the Special Levy Election. The Commission accepted the

keys.

Debbie Berry, County Administrator, presented an order to Combine or Divide and Segregate Land for Anna Maria Mosquera et al. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented an order to increase mileage reimbursements to 57.5¢. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the order. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a letter from the Fayette County Board of Health to appoint Rose Anne Michaels to George Matthew Edwards' unexpired term. Commissioner Wender motioned to accept the appointment of Rose Anne Michaels. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a drawdown request from WV Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority in the amount of \$76,800.00. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the drawdown and authorize President Scalph to sign. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Wender discussed the placement of ten signs for the Dunloup Creek Watershed Project. Commissioner Wender suggested having county employees from the maintenance department place the signs on behalf of the County. The Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Wender suggested looking into getting Mt. Olive inmates to help with some county projects. Ms. Berry will call Nathan Kendrick about this suggestion.

Ms. Berry presented an invoice from FerrellGas for the Animal Shelter. Discussion was held regarding how this should be addressed. Ms. Berry will ask what the Humane Society's plans are for the

shelter's heat. Commissioner Wender suggested bringing the members in on January 23rd to have them present a report and a suggestion to remedy this issue, update the Commission on the organization, new bylaws, population at the shelter and energy and heating costs. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve to pay the invoice out of the General County Fund. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms Berry presented a document from Region IV for the Commission to sign and a letter for President Scalph to sign.

Tom Fast appeared to be removed from the estate of Lois A. Bowyer because of his recent election to the House of Delegates. Mr. Fast requested a family be appointed as administrator not another curator.. Some family issues exist so appointing an administrator may be difficult. Larry Harrah, Prosecuting Attorney, suggested removing Mr. Fast if agreeable and give Mr. Harrah time to discuss with the family and devise the best solution. Commissioner Wender motioned to relieve Tom Fast from his duties in the estate of Lois Bowyer. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision. Commission signed the order prepared by Mr. Fast.

The Commission took a short recess at 10:15 a.m.

Discussion was held on the upcoming levy election. Joe Crist, Fire Coordinator, has been attending fire department meetings to discuss the importance of voting in this election. He has been leaving voter's registration sheets at each meeting.

Sheriff Kessler encourages his deputies and families to vote. We inquired about how much he is allowed to advertise the levy. He suggested going on local broadcasting stations to promote the levy. The Commission agrees.

Judy Gunsaulis stressed the need for this levy. If it does not pass, libraries will have to close.

Kelly Jo Drey, Resource Coordinator, appeared to discuss the vacant assistant position in her department as well as Angela Gerald's duties with the Fayette County Solid Waste Authority.

Ms. Drey does not feel that Ms. Gerald has the time to fulfill the FCSWA needs. Ms. Drey, Allen Ballard and Tim Richardson feel that the RC Assistant position needs to be filled. Commissioner Wender suggested advertising for an Assistant Resource Coordinator position with the same job description and approximately the salary that was approved for July 2014 budget. Salary will be negotiable. Ms. Berry and Ms. Drey will assemble an interview panel.

Theresa White and James Bennett appeared to discuss personnel and budget for the Office of Emergency Services. The OEM Director is reimbursed 50% and the Program Manager Planner Deputy Director is reimbursed 100% through EMPG funding. Titles have to be titled Director and Planner to receive funding. Ms. White requests that a Planner be hired. Commissioner Wender suggested hiring a planner with the knowledge that the position is 100% reimbursed through the EMPG.

Commissioner Wender motioned to authorize to hire a planner that will be paid a salary (out of the General Fund) compensable to job requirements and with the understanding that it is reimbursed by the state and the person will be aware that this is not a forever position, just as long as the state can fund it. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Wender motioned that Theresa White will assume the title of Director of Emergency Management. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry and Ms. White will assemble an interview panel.

James Bennett and Stephanie Sears, Staff Accountant, presented the 911 budget. Commissioner Wender suggested that Mr. Bennett supply a chart detailing the call volume to the number of employees.

Ms. Sears will write a letter to the legislature regarding decreasing cell phone fees and their usage increasing. Discussion was held regarding possible other sources of funding: hotel/motel tax, foreign out of state student user fees or college tuition fees.

Commissioner Wender offered a motioned to approve the 911 budget presented by Mr. Bennett and Ms. Sears today, based on a fiscal year and adjusted on a yearly basis. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.